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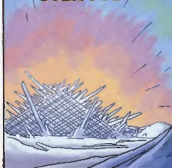
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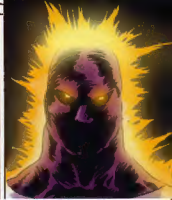
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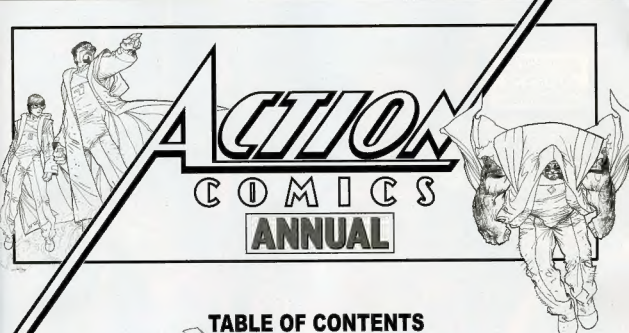


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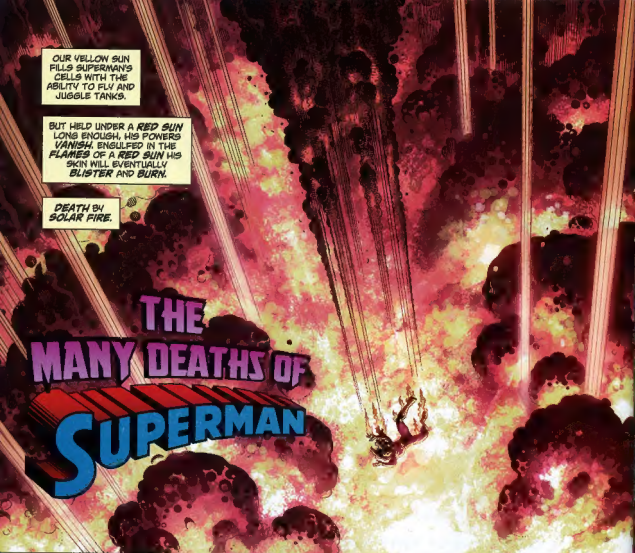
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Superman created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster



OUR YELLOW SUN
FILLS SUPERMAN'S
CELLS WITH THE
ABILITY TO FLY AND
JUGGLE TANKS.

BUT HELD UNDER A RED SUN
LONG ENOUGH, HIS POWERS
VANISH. ENGULFED IN THE
FLAMES OF A RED SUN HIS
SKIN WILL EVENTUALLY
BLISTER AND BURN.

DEATH BY
SOLAR FIRE.

THE MANY DEATHS OF SUPERMAN

HE'S NOT AS
INVULNERABLE AS
THE PRESS WOULD
HAVE YOU THINK.

SUPERMAN'S SUPPORTERS
ALSO CLAIM HIS PRESENCE
INSPIRES US TO BE
BETTER PEOPLE.

BUT WE CANNOT BE
"INSPIRED" BY SOMEONE
WHO CAN DO THINGS WE
CAN ONLY **DREAM** OF.
HUMANITY'S SALVATION
LIES **WITHIN** HUMANITY,
NOT **OUTSIDE** OF IT.

AS LONG AS SUPERMAN EXISTS,
THE WORLD WILL REST ON ITS
LAURELS, GROWING FATTER AND
LAZIER, WAITING FOR HIM TO
SAVE US FROM OURSELVES.

AND YET PEOPLE **STILL** STARVE
AND GROW SICK AND CREATE
WAR. ALL PROBLEMS I WILL
ULTIMATELY **SOLVE** AS SOON
AS I CAN DEVOTE MYSELF
COMPLETELY TO THEM.



AND THAT HAPPENS
THE DAY AFTER I
KILL SUPERMAN.



THE ALIEN IS AS SUSCEPTIBLE
AS HUMANS TO THE SUPER
SCIENCE CALLED MAGIC. THE
CHAOTIC RANDOM POWER WITHIN
BEINGS LIKE MR. MXYZPTLK
AND BLACK ADAM.



DEATH BY
MAGIC.

AND LET US NEVER
FORGET THE DAY
SUPERMAN APPEARED
TO HAVE TRULY DIED.

AT THE HANDS OF
A MONSTER NAMED
DOOMSDAY, WHOSE
UNSTOPPABLE MOMENTUM
TORE APART THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE AND THEN THE
"INDESTRUCTIBLE"
MAN OF STEEL.



DEATH
BY BRUTAL
FORCE.



BUT NONE OF
THAT REALLY
MEANS ANYTHING.

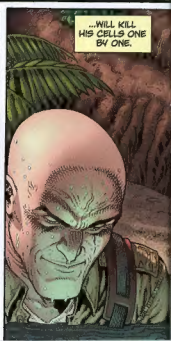


KRX
KRRIK
KRRRIKRX

THE RADIOACTIVE PIECES
OF HIS HOME DO. THE
VERY PLANET THAT
GAVE BIRTH TO HIM...



...WILL KILL
HIS CELLS ONE
BY ONE.





SLOW.
PAINFUL.
AND WITH
MEANING.

DEATH BY
KRYPTONITE.

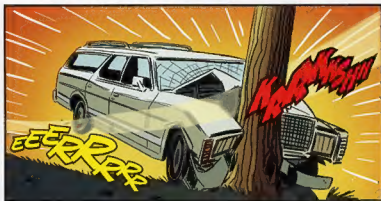
I'LL DO IT WITH IRONY.

THEN I WILL SAVE
THE WORLD FROM
ALL ITS AILMENTS.



AND HUMANITY WILL
EMBRACE ITS TRUE
ALTRUISTIC
INSPIRATION.

LEX LUTHOR.

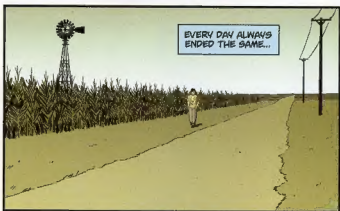
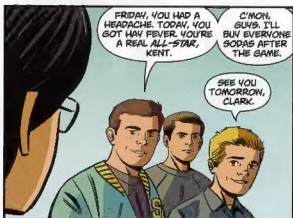


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WEEK WAS STILL
BETTER.

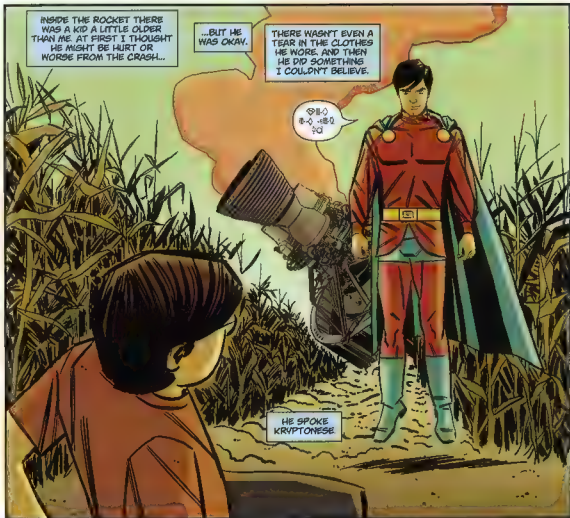
LAST WEEK
I WASN'T
ALONE.

Who is Clark Kent's Big Brother?









HE SAID "SON OF JOR-EL."

IS THIS... EARTH?

WAIT A SECOND. YOU SPEAK ENGLISH TOO?!

IF THIS IS ENGLISH... I GUESS I DO.

YOU SAID "SON OF JOR-EL." WHY?

...I KNOW THE NAME, BUT... BUT THAT'S ALL I CAN REMEMBER

WHO IS JOR-EL?



I BROUGHT HIM HOME THROUGH THE TUNNEL I USED TO FLY TO THE FARM.

I KEPT EVERYTHING THAT WAS SENT WITH ME FROM KRYPTON IN THE STORM CELLAR. I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MESSAGE IN THE SUNSTONE CRYSTALS THAT THIS KID WOULD TRIGGER

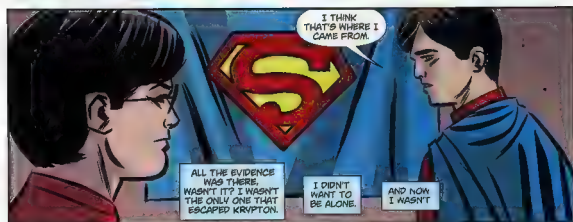
BUT SOMETHING ELSE GOT HIS ATTENTION.



THAT FLAG.

WHAT?

AND THAT SYMBOL. IT'S THE HOUSE OF EL.

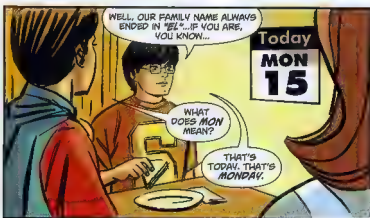
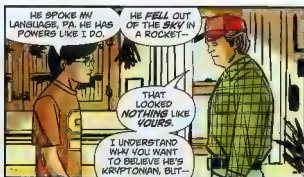


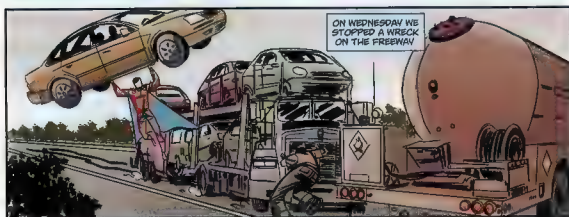
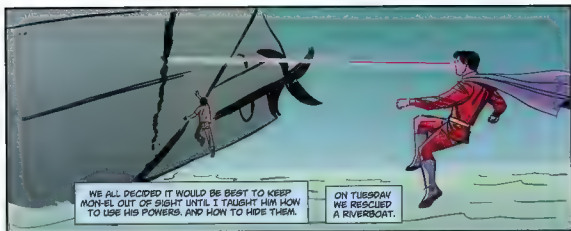
I THINK THAT'S WHERE I CAME FROM.

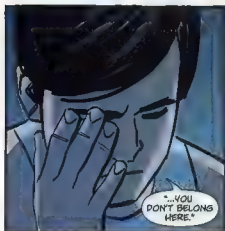
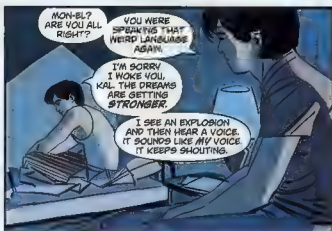
ALL THE EVIDENCE WAS THERE. WASN'T IT? I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE THAT ESCAPED KRYPTON.

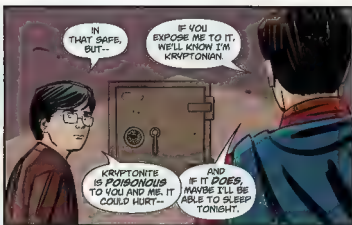
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE ALONE.

AND NOW I WASN'T

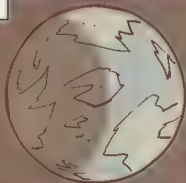








"I AM FROM THE
PLANET DAXAM.

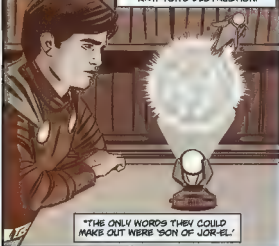


"SECOND IN
ORBIT AROUND
THE SUN VALOR.

"I WAS A
SEEKER
THERE,
STUDYING
FORBIDDEN
LORE.

"DURING MY RESEARCH, I FOUND
DEVICES THAT HAD RECORDED
DATA FROM THE FAR-OFF PLANET
OF KRYPTON THE DAY IT EXPLODED

"IT ALSO PRESERVED A MESSAGE
FROM A ROCKET FIRED INTO
SPACE SECONDS BEFORE
KRYPTON'S DESTRUCTION.



"THE ONLY WORDS THEY COULD
MAKE OUT WERE 'SON OF JOR-EL'.

"NO ONE KNEW
WHAT WAS IN THE
ROCKET OR WHERE
IT WENT, SO I TOOK
IT UPON MYSELF TO
TRY TO FIND IT.

"I TRACKED
ITS PATH TO A
PLACE DEVOID
OF ALL EXTRA-
TERRESTRIAL
AWARENESS.

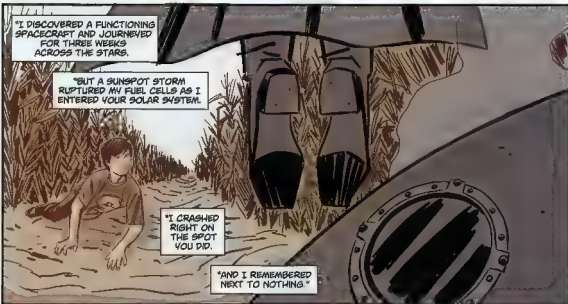
"EARTH.



"MY COMPATRIOTS WARNED ME OF THE DANGERS
BEYOND DAXAM, BUT I WAS DESPERATE TO SEE
IF ANY RELICS FROM KRYPTON HAD SURVIVED.

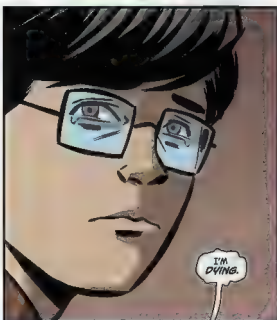
"I DISCOVERED A FUNCTIONING
SPACECRAFT AND JOURNEYED
FOR THREE WEEKS
ACROSS THE STARS.

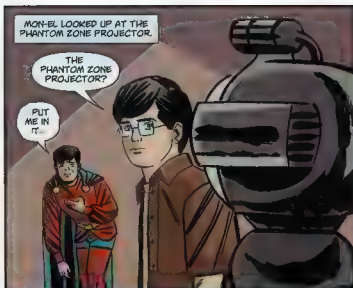
"BUT A SUNSPOT STORM
RUPTURED MY FUEL CELLS AS I
ENTERED YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM.



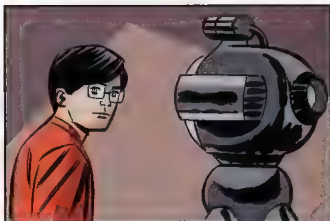
"I CRASHED
RIGHT ON
THE SPOT
YOU DID.

"AND I REMEMBERED
NEXT TO NOTHING."

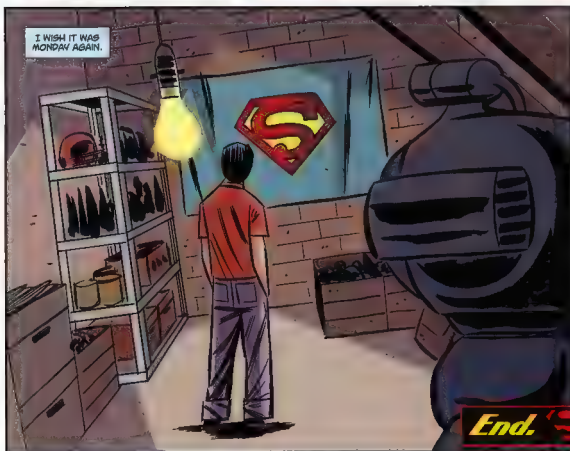




MA SAID IT'S BETTER TO
HAVE SPENT SOME TIME
WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME THAN
TO NEVER HAVE AT ALL.



I WISH IT WAS
MONDAY AGAIN.



End. 

MYSTERY UNDER THE BLUE SUN

THEIR
DISTRESS
CALL HAS
GONE
DEAD.

DO YOU
THINK
RANN IS
INVOLVED?

THIS MARKS
THE *THIRD*
POLICE
CRUISER
WE'VE *LOST*
IN SPACE
SECTOR
1482.

THANAGAR'S
RELATIONS WITH
THOSE SCIENTIFIC
*THOUGHT-
GLUTTONS*
HAS RARELY BEEN
WORSE...

...BUT THEIR
ROCKET-FLIERS
ARE INCAPABLE OF
TEARING APART
SHIPS LIKE *THIS*.

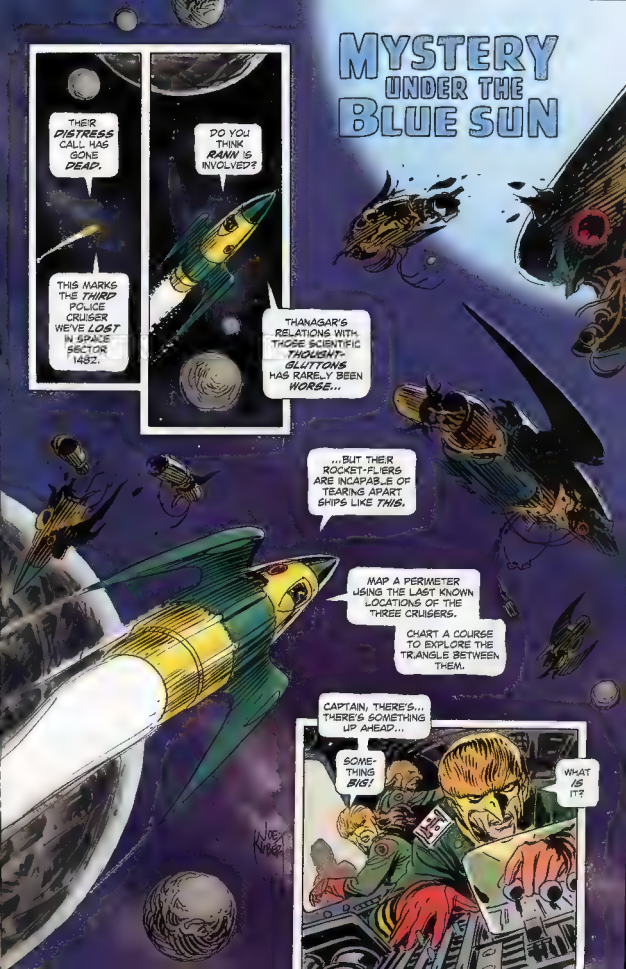
MAP A PERIMETER
USING THE LAST KNOWN
LOCATIONS OF THE
THREE CRUISERS.

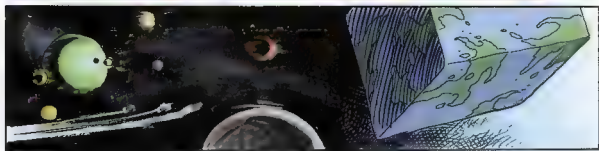
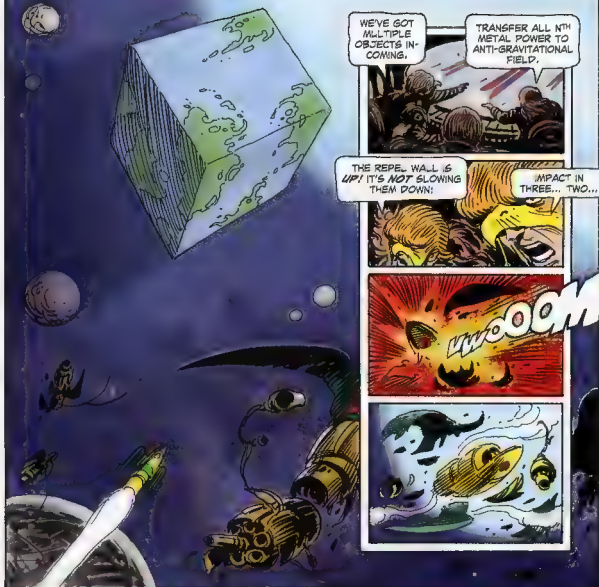
CHART A COURSE
TO EXPLORE THE
TRIANGLE BETWEEN
THEM.

CAPTAIN, THERE'S...
THERE'S SOMETHING
UP AHEAD...

SOME-
THING
BIG!

WHAT
IS
IT?





SECRETS OF THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE

1 SUNSTONE SIMULATOR

Created out of the sunstone memory crystals sent with Superman to Earth, this device holds the historical and scientific knowledge of Krypton. Accessed by a simulation of his father, Jor-El, this space currently contains Superman's most valuable and cherished memories.

2 JOR-EL AND LARS

Thirty foot statues created by Superman in honor of his birth parents, which overlook the entrance to various living quarters.

3 THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR

Named after the fabled Kryptonian city of Kandor, this surreal metropolis of extra terrestrial faces was shrunk down utilizing Krypton science and kept by the wizard T'Pol until Superman rescued it.

4 THE PHANTOMZONE PROJECTION

After discovering an extraordinary void, Jor-El fought against the spirit's death invasive laws and developed the phantom zone projection.

5 THE PHANTOMZONE PORTAL

A view screen able to peer into various depths of the phantom zone.

6 TROPHY ROOM AND MUSEUM

Superman's private collection of relics from his adventures and success of his family, friends and enemies from the past, present and future.

7 THE KEY

A handheld remote control that opens the Fortress of Solitude. This device is the only one of its kind.

8 SUPER SCIENCE LAB

Within these walls Superman performs secret and mysterious experiments in an attempt to cure his Kryptonian condition. He has also discovered his own vulnerability to kryptonite.

9 INTERPLANETARY HABITAT

Across the universe, Superman has rescued an array of extraterrestrial animals on the verge of extinction including the Thorgian Bear, the Dugorian Hawk, the Wolf in Blue and the Black Mire.

10 THE ATOMIC CAULDRON

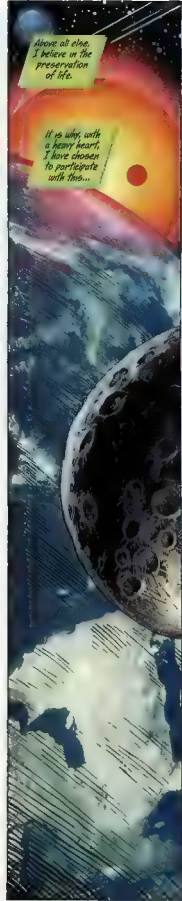
The most powerful furnace in the world fuels the Fortress of Solitude. Due to the high temperatures, the cauldron's sustenance crystal core is operated and cared for by Superman Robots.

11 SUPER WEAPONS ROOM

This room contains the confiscated weapons of Superman's enemies. Within this heavily guarded area, Superman studies them, hoping to find something of societal value in their technology.

12 SUPERMAN'S WARSHIP

Originally a prototype designed by Lex Luthor to combat Superman, this warship was rebuilt by the Man of Steel to protect him from the very kryptonite weapons it once carried.



Above all else,
I believe in the
preservation
of life.

It is why, with
a heavy heart,
I have chosen
to participate
with this...



...this condemnation
of my former FRIENDS
and HOPE for the
future of Krypton...

...now
CRIMINALS
beyond all
redemption.

The Criminals of Krypton

Lara asks that I
not blame MYSELF
for the actions
of General Zod.

THE
EVIDENCE HAS
BEEN PRESENTED.
THE DECISION OF
THE COUNCIL HAS
BEEN HEARD.

But how can
I not?

I AM
SORRY

YOU ARE ONLY
SERVING TO SAVE
US AND DAMN
YOURSELVES,
JOR-EL.

YOU KNOW
THIS EVEN IF
THE COUNCIL
DOES NOT.

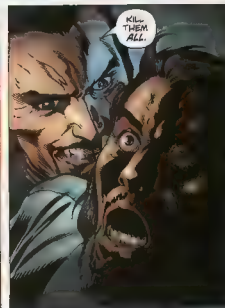
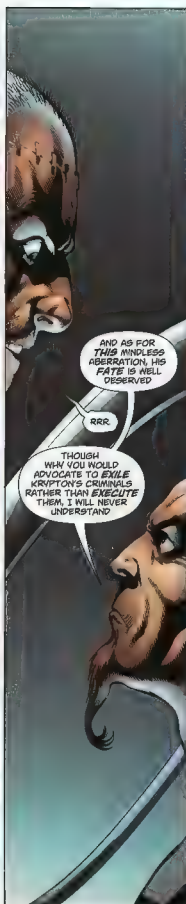
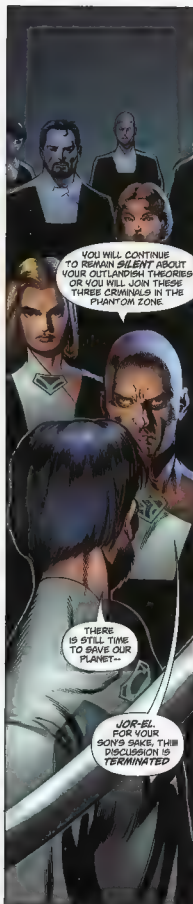
THE INSURRECTION
YOU THREE CHOSE TO
EMBRACE HAS ONLY
RESULTED IN DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION.

AND WHAT OF
THE BARBARIC
TORTURE PUT
UPON NOW,
JOR-EL? WHO
WILL BE
JUDGED FOR
THAT?

I CAN
ASSURE
YOU...

JUDGMENT
IS COMING FOR
THE REST OF
US, URSA.

ENOUGH,
JOR-EL!





How could the efforts
to save so many give
birth to such evil?

THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO
IGNORE THE FACTS I HAVE
PRESENTED JUST AS THEY
IGNORED OUR WARNINGS OF
JAX-UR'S INTERSTELLAR
EXPERIMENTS.

THAT
RESULTED IN THE
DESTRUCTION OF
OUR MOON AND THE
LOSS OF THE CITY
OF KANDOR...

...IS THIS
NOT WHY WE WERE
CHOSEN TO MONITOR
OUR PLANET AND SUN'S
INTERNAL ACTIVITIES
IN THE FIRST PLACE?



IS
IT **NOT**,
NON?

THERE ARE
NO SCIENTISTS
ACROSS KRYPTON,
INCLUDING MYSELF,
MORE RESPECTED
THAN YOU,
JOR-EL.

THAT IS
WHY, DESPITE
THE COUNCIL'S
ORDERS, I OFFERED
TO ANALYZE
YOUR RECENT
FINDINGS.



...AND NOW IT
SEEMS THE STUDENT
HAS BECOME THE
TEACHER. THE TEACHER
THE STUDENT.

YOU HAVE
EXCEEDED **ALL**
OF US



THEN YOU UNDERSTAND
THE SEVERITY OF THE
SITUATION.

I AM
AFRAID I DO. OUR PLANET
WILL EXPLODE
WITHIN THE
NEXT NINETY
DAYS.

WE HAVE TO
CONVINCE THE
COUNCIL TO LISTEN
TO REASON. NON. IF
I HAVE YOU AT MY
SIDE THEY MAY DO
JUST THAT.

I'M CERTAIN THAT WORKING
TOGETHER, THE COUNCIL MIGHT STILL
BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE AN ESCAPE
PLAN. WE CAN SAVE EVERY LAST
MAN, WOMAN--

JOR-EL?



..AND
CHILD.

JOR-EL!

LARA?
WHAT IS IT?



THEY KNOW
ABOUT YOUR
WORK WITH NON!
THE KRYPTONIAN
DEFENSE IS ON
THEIR WAY--



AS
APPOINTED
LEADER OF
MILITARY DEFENSE
BY THE COUNCIL, I
HEREBY CHARGE
YOU WITH
HERESY.

URSA,
PLACE THEM UNDER
ARREST.



THIS IS
MADNESS!



IF
YOU UTTER
ANOTHER
WORD,
LARA--

--YOUR
SON WILL
BE WITHOUT
EITHER
PARENT.



The Council delivered a final warning to Non and myself.

Our discussions regarding Krypton's destruction were forever forbidden.

...IF YOU PURSUE THIS MATTER ANY FURTHER, I CAN ASSURE YOU BOTH THE PUNISHMENT WILL BE SEVERE.



As I secretly set out to produce more evidence to convince the council to ACT...



...Non appealed to the people of Krypton, igniting panic in some instances...

...and for finding allies in others.

GENERAL ?
HOLD YOUR POSITIONS.

THE COUNCIL HID JOR-EL'S FINDINGS FROM US. THEY LIED TO US ABOUT WHY WE WERE TO ARREST THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

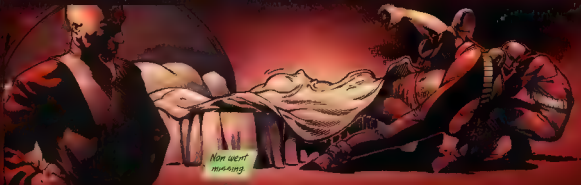


YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE HIS RIDICULOUS RAMBLINGS TO BE TRUE?

I WISH I DID NOT.

General Zod and his Lieutenant, Ursa, defected from the council and joined Non.

That's when it started.



Non went missing.



For two days,
no one could
find him.



He was eventually
discovered wandering
the edge of the
Scarlet Jungles.

A fresh incision
could be seen on the
side of his head. My
friend and mentor's
intellect was GONE.



RRR

As was our
intention



THE COUNCIL
DID THIS TO HIM,
JOR-EL!

WE MUST ABANDON
HOPE OF CONVINCING
THEM OF KRYPTON'S IMMINENT
DESTRUCTION. WE MUST TAKE
CONTROL OF THIS PLANET
AND OF OUR DESTINY.



JOIN US
JOR-EL

WE WILL
DESTROY
THE COUNCIL AND
RULE KRYPTON
TOGETHER.



VIOLENCE IS NOT
THE ANSWER. AND
POWER HARDLY
THE GOAL.

THEY
NEED TO
ANSWER
FOR THIS. NON
WAS YOUR
FRIEND!

WHOEVER DID THIS
TO NON WILL BE
HELP ACCOUNTABLE,
BUT RIGHT NOW THE
SIMPLE TRUTH IS
WE CANNOT SAVE
ALL OF KRYPTON
WITHOUT THE
COUNCIL'S SUPPORT.

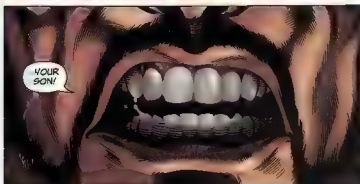
REVENGE
WILL NOT HELP
ANY OF US.

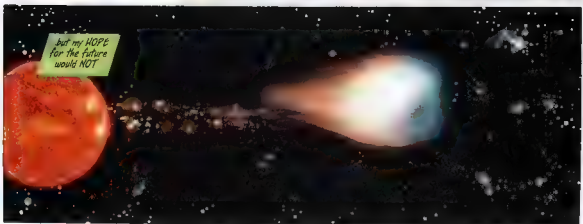
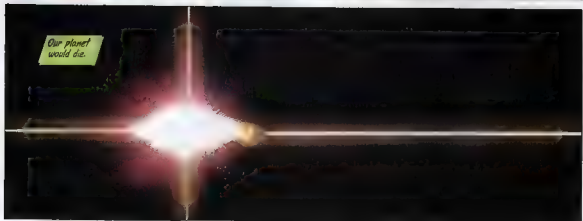
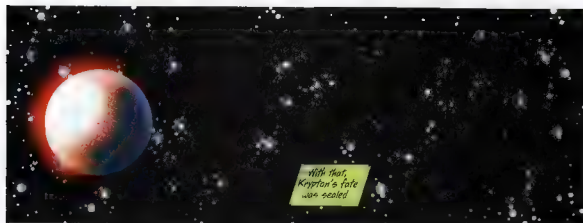
REVENGE
MAY BE ALL WE
HAVE LEFT

*They murdered
five members of
the Council before
they were stopped.*







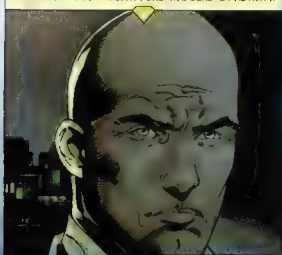


SUPERMAN'S

TOP 10 MOST WANTED!



LEX LUTHOR--A BRILLIANT MIND CORRUPTED BY HIS OWN INSATIABLE EGO, LEX LUTHOR IS OBSESSED WITH THE DEFACTION AND DESTRUCTION OF THE ONE MAN HE CAN NEVER OVERSHADOW--SUPERMAN. HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH HE HAS TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT ABNORMAL SLASPOD ACTIVITY.



GENERAL ZOD--FORMER LEADER OF THE PLANET KRYPTON'S MILITARY, ZOD WAS SENTENCED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR HERESHY, MURDER AND TREASON AFTER AN ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST THE KRYPTONIAN COUNCIL. GENERAL ZOD HAS ONE AMBITION--TO RULE THE PLANET EARTH AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS JAILER'S SON.



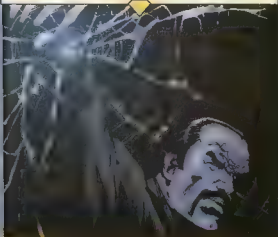
BRAINIAC--BRAINIAC IS FROM THE PLANET COLLU. HIS "TWELFTH-LEVEL INTELLIGENCE" MAKES HIM THE SMARTEST BEING IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE. HE IS ALSO THE COLDEST, FROM SHRINKING CITIES TO ANNILATING ENTIRE ALIEN RACES, BRAINIAC VIEWS THE UNIVERSE AS HIS OWN PERSONAL LAB AND WILL COMMIT ANY ACT IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE. HE IS ESPECIALLY FASCINATED WITH SUPERMAN AND HIS WEALTH OF KRYPTONIAN KNOWLEDGE.



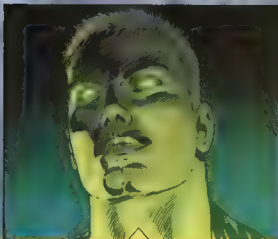
URSA--FORMER LIEUTENANT OF THE PLANET KRYPTON'S MILITARY, URSA WAS SENTENCED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR HERESHY, MURDER AND TREASON. HER HATRED OF ALL MANKIND THREATENS EVEN THE CHILDREN AROUND HER.



NON--ONCE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND FRIEND TO JOR-EL, NON'S FALL FROM GRACE AND CURRENT CONDITION REMAINS A MYSTERY. DRAFTED INTO GENERAL ZOD'S WAR, NON WAS SENTENCED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR HERESY, MURDER AND TREASON. UNABLE TO SPEAK AND BARELY ABLE TO THINK, NON HAS BECOME A FORCE OF PURE RAGE AND DESTRUCTION



PARASITE--RUDY JONES WAS A LEECH ON EVERYONE IN HIS LIFE FOR YEARS BEFORE HE WAS EXPOSED TO RADIOACTIVE WASTE AND TRANSFORMED INTO THE ENERGY-SUCKING PARASITE. TRAPPED IN A CONSTANT STATE OF HUNGER, THE POWER HE DRAINS FROM SUPERMAN IS THE ONLY ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO TRULY SATISFY HIM.

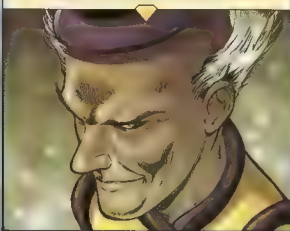


METALLO: JOHN CORBEN WAS A THIEF PULLED FROM A NEAR FATAL CAR CRASH AND TRANSFORMED INTO A CYBERNETIC MONSTER POWERED BY A HEART OF GREEN KRYPTONITE. CORBEN WAS RENAMED METALLO AFTER THE ALLOY LACED WITHIN HIS SKELETON. RECENTLY, METALLO HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO ENHANCE HIS POWER LEVELS.

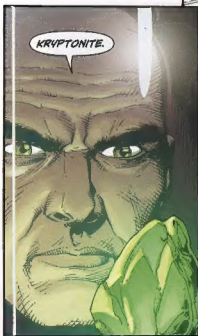
BIZARRO--THE IMPERFECT CLONE OF SUPERMAN, BIZARRO IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE MAN OF STEEL IN EVERY WAY. HIS HEART IS ON HIS LEFT SIDE, HIS SNAPSPES MISFIRE EVERY TIME A THOUGHT GOES THROUGH HIS HEAD AND HE SHEDS HIS CHALKY SKIN LIKE A SNAKE. REPROGRAMMED BY LEX LUTHOR, BIZARRO HAS GAINED A HIGHER LEVEL OF MENTAL CONTROL THAN HE HAS PREVIOUSLY DISPLAYED, COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A FOUR-YEAR OLD BOY.



MR. MXYZPTLK--MR. MXYZPTLK (MIX-VEZ-PITTLE-IO) IS AN IMP FROM THE FIFTH DIMENSION, ENTERTAINED BY THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN, MXYZPTLK IS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO EARTH EVERY 90 DAYS UPON WHICH HE USES HIS NEARLY LIMITLESS POWER TO POSE TESTS AND CHALLENGES FOR THE MAN OF STEEL. HE WAS LAST SEEN 190 DAYS AGO. WHY HE HASN'T SHOWN HIMSELF YET IS UNKNOWN.



TOYMAN: A BRILLIANT TOYMAKER, WINSLOW SCHOTT WAS DEEMED OBSOLETE BY THE TOY COMPANY HE HELPED BUILD AND FIRED SCHOTT TURNS HIS SKILLS AGAINST SOCIETY, TRANSFORMING HIS TOYS INTO LETHAL KILLING MACHINES TARGETING ADULTS. SCHOTT WAS LATER IMPRISONED IN ARKHAM ASYLUM FOR KILLING A CHILD. THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS HEINOUS ACT IS STILL UNCLEAR.



KRYPTONITE.

IT'S THE COLOR
OF LIFE ON EARTH, BUT
IT SPELLS DEATH FOR
SUPERMAN.

INSTEAD OF A
WONDERFUL REMINDER
OF KRYPTON, IT'S THE
ONE THING I'VE SEEN
PUT FEAR IN HIS
EYES.

I'M CERTAIN
IT HAS FEAR.

THE DEADLIEST FORMS OF KRYPTONITE

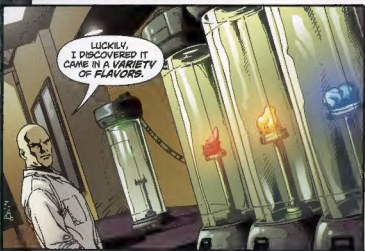
IF SUPERMAN GETS WITHIN
TEN FEET OF EVEN THE TINIEST SLIVER
OF KRYPTONITE, THE PHOTOSYNTHESIS
WITHIN HIS EXTRATERRESTRIAL CELLS BEGINS
TO REVERSE. HIS POWERS ARE DRAINED.

AND PROLONGED
EXPOSURE WILL MOST
DEFINITELY KILL HIM.



I MUST ADMIT,
I WAS ALMOST
GETTING BORED
BY IT.

GREEN
KRYPTONITE.



LUCKILY,
I DISCOVERED IT
CAME IN A VARIETY
OF FLAVORS.

RED KRYPTONITE CAUSES RANDOM AND OCCASIONALLY BIZARRE CHANGES IN SUPERMAN.



THE EFFECTS LAST LESS THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, BUT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE DUE TO HIS OUT-OF-CONTROL ACTIONS COULD LAST A LIFETIME.

BLUE KRYPTONITE APPEARS TO HAVE THE SAME HARMFUL EFFECTS ON BIZARRO AS GREEN HAS ON SUPERMAN.

IT HELPED ME CAPTURE THE CREATURE AND MOLD HIM INTO THE WEAPON I NEED.

AND EXPOSURE TO GOLD KRYPTONITE WOULD PERMANENTLY DESTROY SUPERMAN'S ABILITY TO COLLECT YELLOW SUNLIGHT.

IT WOULD TRANSFORM THE MAN OF STEEL INTO SOMEONE LIKE YOU AND ME. THEN A SIMPLE BULLET OR A PUSH OFF OF A BUILDING WOULD FINISH HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER.



I NEVER HAD A PROBLEM MAKING CHOICES IN LIFE...

...BUT I CAN'T CHOOSE JUST ONE.





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DC Notion

One Year Later. You all remember it, that defining moment when all the stories of the DC Universe jumped from the events of Infinite Crisis to a time where the lives of our heroes were dramatically changed. Most changes came without explanation as we watched our heroes deal with these ramifications in an attempt to rebuild their lives. But what happened? What caused this seismic change to the status quo? What transformed so many heroes?

For nearly a year we left these questions unanswered, but now their story can be told. We have hinted at it and left hushed clues as we watched the missing year slowly revealed in our mega-hit 52. In 52, we have seen a world that exists without Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman, and now with 52 #50, we will see a world at war.

World War Three, the World vs. Black Adam, the metahuman war that swept across the globe. Fast and vicious, it's not surprising that it altered the lives of so many of our heroes.

More devastating than a nuclear holocaust is the unbridled rage of Black Adam as he carves a hellbent path of destruction. His story will be told in 52, but the effects of his wrath are so far reaching that we needed to create a special four-part story to fully show its impact.

WORLD WAR THREE: A CALL TO ARMS; THE VALIANT; HELL IS FOR HEROES and **UNITED WE STAND** will hit the stands the same week as 52 #50. Like I said, it's a fast war but incredibly far reaching. The four parts, written by Keith Champagne (JSA) and John Ostrander (SUICIDE SQUAD) and drawn by Pat Olliffe, Andy Smith, Tom Derenick and Jack Jadsen, feature, well, just about everyone.

So join us as we uncover the secrets behind the transformation of Firestorm, Martian Manhunter and Aquaman and reveal the tragedies of Batgirl and the Teen Titans. And now that I think of it, just how did Jason Todd become Nightwing? Here's your chance to find out. If you were excited by One Year Later, captivated by 52 and a fan of the DC Universe, April 18th is the week of comics you can't miss.

Oh, one last thing: If you are wondering whatever happened after Dick proposed to Barbara Gordon, give a look to **NIGHTWING ANNUAL #2**, also on sale in April. You won't be disappointed.

To be continued.

Dan DiDio

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Back to Metropolis! With an invasion of criminals from the Phantom Zone running loose, humanity staves down a fight they know they may not win.

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